

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A disk holder comprising:

a plurality of holder plates that individually hold a plurality of disks, and  
a plurality of disk holding mechanisms with which the holder plates are  
provided,

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wherein

the disk holding mechanism comprises a disk hold link that comprises a  
catch that engages with and disengages from the center hole of the disk.

10 2. (Original) The disk holder according to claim 1, wherein

at least a pair of the disk hold links is provided so as to be able to turn in  
the direction of engagement with and disengagement from the disk center hole about a  
common axis; a disk hold arm for allowing the disk hold link to turn is provided so as to be  
able to perform a sliding movement in the radial direction of the disk; and

15 a depressed portion that is biased by an external force is provided in the  
vicinity of the outer edge of the disk of the disk hold arm.

20 3. (Currently Amended) The disk holder according to claim 1 [[or 2]],  
wherein a hole is formed in a position corresponding with the center hole of the disk in the  
holder plate; and the disk hold link is installed in the hole.

4. (Currently Amended) The disk holder according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1~~  
~~to 3~~, wherein

the holder plate is substantially fan-shaped, and the arc of the holder plate is  
25 shorter than a semi-circle of the disk.

5. (Currently Amended) A disk drive, comprising the disk holder according to claim 1 any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein  
a plurality of the holder plate in the disk holder are arranged stacked  
30 such that each holder plate can be individually raised and lowered,  
the disk drive further comprising:  
a drive unit for playing back a desired disk;  
a disk selector that forms a space above and below the desired disk by  
raising and lowering a holder plate in the disk holder; and  
35 drive moving means for moving the drive unit into the space formed  
as a result of raising and lowering the holder plate.

6. (Original) The disk drive according to claim 5, wherein  
disk grasping means for grasping and releasing the desired disk is  
40 provided in sync with the engagement and disengagement of the catch of the disk hold  
link when the holder plate is raised and lowered by the disk selector.

7. – 19. (Cancelled)

45            20. (New) The disk holder according to claim 2, wherein a hole is formed in a position corresponding with the center hole of the disk in the holder plate; and the disk hold link is installed in the hole.

50            21. (New) The disk holder according to claim 2, wherein the holder plate is substantially fan-shaped, and the arc of the holder plate is shorter than a semi-circle of the disk.

55            22. (New) The disk holder according to claim 3, wherein the holder plate is substantially fan-shaped, and the arc of the holder plate is shorter than a semi-circle of the disk.

23. (New) A disk drive, comprising the disk holder according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of the holder plate in the disk holder are arranged stacked such that each holder plate can be individually raised and lowered, the disk drive further comprising: a drive unit for playing back a desired disk; a disk selector that forms a space above and below the desired disk by raising and lowering a holder plate in the disk holder; and drive moving means for moving the drive unit into the space formed as a result of raising and lowering the holder plate.

24. (New) A disk drive, comprising the disk holder according to claim 3,

wherein

70 a plurality of the holder plate in the disk holder are arranged stacked

such that each holder plate can be individually raised and lowered,

the disk drive further comprising:

a drive unit for playing back a desired disk;

a disk selector that forms a space above and below the desired disk by

75 raising and lowering a holder plate in the disk holder; and

drive moving means for moving the drive unit into the space formed  
as a result of raising and lowering the holder plate.

25. (New) A disk drive, comprising the disk holder according to claim 4,

80 wherein

a plurality of the holder plate in the disk holder are arranged stacked

such that each holder plate can be individually raised and lowered,

the disk drive further comprising:

a drive unit for playing back a desired disk;

85 a disk selector that forms a space above and below the desired disk by

raising and lowering a holder plate in the disk holder; and

drive moving means for moving the drive unit into the space formed  
as a result of raising and lowering the holder plate.